

**WELCOME
TO THE
LONE STAR
STATE!**

**YOU'VE GOT
30 DAYS TO**

**APPLY
TO BE
TEXAN**

**This little book
will show you how.**



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If you stand six-foot-five, ride a big white horse, and can wrestle a tornado to the ground, congratulations! — You've just been named a member in good standing of the hearty, resourceful, and friendly people the world refers to as Texans, and we're proud to have you among us.

However, should you fail to meet any of the above qualifications, be not concerned. Simply perform the simple tasks outlined on the following pages and, *yahoo* — you'll be a Registered Texan®, too! Because, contrary to what you may have heard, becoming a member of the greatest state in the Union is easy!

So let's get started.



To be a Texan, you first need to have your vehicle inspected.



This is easy. Simply take your car, truck, trailer, or motorcycle to a state inspection station. Many mechanic shops, full-service gas stations, and oil change locations offer state inspections. (Your local telephone directory should direct you to one that's convenient.) When you go, make sure you take your current driver license and proof of insurance. If your insurance policy was not issued in Texas, you may need to show proof that you carry the minimum amount of coverage.*

**Minimum coverage in Texas is \$25,000 bodily injury or death to one person, \$50,000 bodily injury or death to 2 or more persons; and \$25,000 injury or destruction to other property.*



*To be a Texan, you do not need to be able to stand
in the middle of one county and see over into the next.*

To be a Texan, you need a Texas Vehicle Registration sticker and Texas license plates.

This, too, is easy. After getting your vehicle inspection sticker, visit your friendly county tax assessor-collector (whose office is listed in the your local directory).^{*} You will need to show proof that you own your vehicle, such as registration or title from your previous home state, as well as proof that you carry the minimum required amount of insurance coverage (see page 2).

What's important to remember is that the fee you pay for your vehicle registration sticker (fees vary by county, but usually range from \$60 to \$70 a year)^{**} goes directly to help build and maintain our Texas highways, roads, and bridges, promote traffic safety, pick up litter, and lots more. What's more, a portion of your registration fee goes to work in local programs in your own county. (Your county may also have adopted a \$1.50 child safety surcharge, which supports local schools and child safety programs.)

^{} Many counties allow you to register online at www.TexasOnLine.com. ^{**} Newcomers also pay a title application fee and may pay other sales tax-related fees. To learn more, contact your local county tax assessor-collector's office.*



To be a Texan, you do not need to own an oil well,
unless of course, you live in Midland, where it's mandatory.

To be a Texan, you need a Texas Driver License.



Apply for a Texas Driver License at the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) office in your area. To find the location nearest you, simply visit www.txdps.state.tx.us or call (512) 424-2600. Oh, and when they take your picture, pardner, don't forget to flash those big pearly whites!

Let's sum up: Vehicle registration sticker and inspection sticker in the corner of your windshield and proof of insurance in your glove compartment. — That's what you need to be a Texan.*

** For information on voter registration and other state services of interest to new Texas residents, we urge you to visit: www.TexasOnline.com.*



To be a Texan, you do not need to own a horse.
You do, however, need to practice safety at all times.

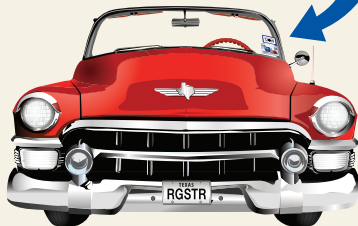
To be a Texan, Put Texas in your corner.®



One final thing: Texas law requires that you have your registration and inspection stickers and insurance within 30 days of moving to our state. If you're pulled over by one of our fine law enforcement officials after the 30 day grace period, well, don't say we didn't warn you. Of course, we have all the confidence in the world you'll do what's right for Texas and your new fellow Texans. Because when you stick up for the Lone Star State, you're sticking up for all of us. And we'll be proud to call you a fellow Registered Texan.

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